Amending the rules to conduct the Taluk Board Elections.

*Q.—411. Sri S. V. RAME GOWDA (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they would consider the desirability of amending the rules to conduct the Taluk Board Elections on non-party basis on the anology of Panchayat Elections ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

No amendment is called for as the rules do not require candidates to belong to or to furnish information about parties.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ವಿ. ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ.—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ ಬೋರ್ಡಗಳ ಚುನಾವಣೆಯನ್ನು ಪಕ್ಷಾತೀತವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಲು ಚುನಾವಣೆಯ ನಿಯಮಗಳನ್ನು ತಿದ್ದುಪಡಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಹೋರಾಟ ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ ಬೋರ್ಡುಗಳಿಗೆ ಧಕ್ಕೆ ಬರುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಅದು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯದ ಮಾತು ಆಗಿದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ವಿ. ರಾಮೇಗೌಡ.—ರೂಲಿಂಗ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಯವರು ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ್ ಬೋರ್ಡುಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ನೀತಿಗೆ ಅನುಸರಿಸಿ ಕೆಲಸ ನಡೆಸುತ್ತಿದ್ದಾರೆಂಬುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಅಂಥಾದ್ದೇನೂ ಆಗಿಲ್ಲ. ಯಾವುದು ರೂಲಿಂಗ ಪಾರ್ಟಿ ಶಾಶ್ವತವಾಗಿ ಉಳಯುವುದಿಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎನ್. ಹುಚ್ಚಮಾಸ್ತಿಗೌಡ.—ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ ಬೋರ್ಡ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳನ್ನು ಪಕ್ಷಾತೀತವಾಗಿ ನಡೆಸಲು ಸರಕಾರದವರು ಕ್ರಮ ಕೈಕೊಂಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಇಲ್ಲ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಸರಕಾರ ಕೈಕೊಳ್ಳುವ ಯಾವುದೇ ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಎಂದಾದರೂ ಕಾರ್ಯರೂಪದಲ್ಲ ಬರುತ್ತದೆಯೇ ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Order, order.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—What are the suggestions of the National Integration Council with regard to the holding of elections to Taluk Boards ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I am not aware that any suggestion has been made by the National Integration Council. Because, according to me, it does not come within the purview of that Council. I may mention here that it is the right of the people to contest either on behalf of any party or in their individual capacity. We cannot, either by legislation or by any Government Order, restrict that right.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—If it does not hold good for Panchayat Board Elections, why should you have it in the case of taluk board elections ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—I do not exactly understand what the Hon'ble Member means. Even with regard to Panchayat Board Elections, Government have not prohibited any political party from contesting.

Sri SANJEEVANATH AIKALA.—The National Integration Council has definitely instructed that no party label should be given as far as local board elections are concerned. May I bring this to the notice of the Government ?

Mr. SPEAKER.—It has been brought to the notice of the Government. There is no question.

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಚನ್ನಬೈರೇಗೌಡ.—ತಾಲ್ಲೂಕ ಬೋರ್ಡ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಕ್ಷವೂ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ತೀರ್ಮಾನ ಮಾಡಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದು ಇದರಿಂದ ಅರ್ಥವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಯೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಯಾವ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಕ್ಷವೂ ಪ್ರವೇಶ ಮಾಡಬಾರದು ಎಂದು ನಿರ್ಧಾರ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಿದೆಯೇ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಕೇಳುವುದು. ಆದರೆ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಕ್ಷ ಯಾವುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಉತ್ತರ ಹೇಳಬಹುದು.

†Sri S. R. KANTHI.—May I put in a word here, Sir ? Sir, there is a lot of confusion in the minds of Hon'ble Members on the other side. The fact that any party should or should not contest does not arise at all. It is an understanding between two parties. If one party does not abide by the decision that it should or should not contest, then the way is open for the other party to contest. This came up before the National Integration Council. Its opinion was, so far as Panchayat Committees are concerned, the elections should be on a non-party basis, provided all parties agree on this basis. With regard to the taluk boards and zilla parishads as for as elections are concerned, no such decision was taken, or noconcensus of opinion was expressed in the National Integration Council.

Sri P. VENKATAGIRIAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of the Government that by the way in which taluk boards are functioning, they have become mors the instruments of political parties than being the instruments of public service?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Sir, it is absolutely a matter of opinion, and if he holds that opinion, I cannot help.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—The Hon'ble Minister said that the National Integration Council had suggested that elections should be held on the basis that no political feelings should exist. May I know the basis on which the National Integration Committee has suggested that for holding elections?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—The Hon'ble Member has not understood me at all..

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—I have understood.

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—I will make myself clear. At the Panchayat level, the concensus of opinion was that elections should be held on a non-party basis provided all parties agreed on that stand. In regard to the taluk development boards and zilla parishads, no decision was taken in the matter and it was not possible to come to any conclusion.

Sri D. PARAMESWARAPPA.—How are we to come to a decision that it should not be held on a party basis?

Sri S. R. KANTHI.—We can sit together and decide.

Sri S. SHIVAPPA.—The National Integration Council consists of representatives of all political parties, and that Council consisting of all the party representatives has come to the decision that elections to the taluk boards and local development boards should be fought on a non-party basis. The National Integration Council consists of all important political leaders. What is their opinion on this matter?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—The National Integration Conference might have made many recommendations, but it is upto the political parties in the country to take decisions on them. Even if the National Integration Council takes decisions, it would not be binding on all parties. The Leader of the Opposition can make a gesture. If he says his party is prepared to eschew contesting taluk board and panchayat elections, it might be considered by other parties.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಪಿ. ರೇವಣ್ಣ ಸಿದ್ದಪ್ಪ.—ಎರಡು ಪಕ್ಷಗಳಲ್ಲಯೂ ಸ್ಥಳೀಯ ಸಂಸ್ಥೆಗಳ ಚುನಾವಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಘರ್ಷಣೆಯಾಗಿ ಗಂಡಹೆಂಡರ ಜಗಳದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂನು ಬಡವಾಯಿತು ಎನ್ನುವ ರೀತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ ಜನರಿಗೆ ಬೇಕಾದ ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರಿನ ಬಾವಿ, ರಸ್ತೆ ಇವುಗಳಿಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗಿದೆ. ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಪಕ್ಷಗಳುವುದೇ ಕಾರಣ ವೆಂಬುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನಕ್ಕೆ ಬಂದಿದೆಯೇ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಅಂಥದ್ದೇನೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈ ಮಹಾ ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ಪಾರ್ಟಿಗಳಿಂದ ಸ್ಪರ್ಧಿಸಿ ಬಂದಿರುವಂಥ ಸದಸ್ಯರಿದ್ದಾರೆ.

Sri N. HUTCHMASTY GOWDA.—May I know if the decisions of the National Integration Council are binding on the State Government?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—No, Sir.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—If the decisions of the Integration Conference are not binding, what is the fate of its resolutions?

Mr. SPEAKER.—How can the National Integration Council prevent anybody from contesting elections?

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—What is the information of the Government on these issues? Would they implement the recommendations?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—It is a question involving constitutional rights. We cannot prevent any political party or individuals from contesting. I believe there is already a move by the political parties that they must not contest the taluk and panchayat elections as political parties. If that comes about, it would be a good thing. But the Government as such can neither allow or prohibit a political party from contesting elections.

Sri S. RAJAGOPAL. Has this Government taken any initiative in regard to the implementation of the decisions of the National Integration Conference?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—This is not a decision or a resolution of the Integration Council. That was taken to be the consensus of opinion at the meeting. It is open to the Governments or the political parties to agree with the opinion to the extent possible.

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—Has it come to the notice of Government that in the year 1958 an agreement was reached between the political parties that they would not contest taluk board elections? All the political parties, except the Congress party, adhered to the policy of not contesting such elections on a party-basis?

Mr. SPEAKER.—Is the Hon. Leader of the Opposition sure that all the parties had accepted that policy—all the parties including the unknown Independents ? (Laughter). Next time if all parties agree, but the independents contest, what is the solution ?

Sri S. SIVAPPA.—If no parties contest, the Independents have no place.

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—In the first place, Government is not aware of any such decision having been taken by all political parties other than the Congress. Even if the other political parties had agreed, Government cannot do anything in the matter. But for the information of the hon. Leader of the Opposition, I may mention here that recently it was the All-India Congress Committee which passed a resolution that political parties should not enter elections at the panchayat level.

Introduction of Compulsory System of work on a day in a week in all the Villages in the State.

*Q.—416. Sri S. V. RAME GOWDA (Malur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

whether they intend to introduce compulsory system of work on a day in a week by the villagers in the state ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

No.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಸಿ. ಬನಪ್ಪ.—ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಕಾನೂನು ತರುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಏನು ಅಡಚಣೆ ಇದೆ, ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

†ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಈ ರೀತಿಯ ಕಾನೂನು ತರುವುದು ರಾಜ್ಯಾಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ವಿರೋಧವಾಗಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಕಾಯಿದೆ ತಜ್ಞರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವಿದೆ. ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕಾನೂನು ತರುವುದು ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಕಷ್ಟವಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜಿ. ವೆಂಕಟೇಗೌಡ.—ವಿರೋಧವಾಗಬಹುದು ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದ್ದಾರೆಂದರು. ವಿರೋಧವಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದು ಖಚಿತವಿಲ್ಲವೆ ?

Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE.—Forced labour is prohibited under the Constitution. There is an idea of introducing a sort of development tax payable by everyone in the panchayat or taluk area, which can be commutable in the shape of labour.

ಶ್ರೀ ಕೆ. ಲಕ್ಕಪ್ಪ.—ಕೆಲವು ತಲ್ಲೂಕು ಬೋರ್ಡ್ ಕೆಲಸಗಳನ್ನು ಹಳ್ಳಿಯವರು ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ತಿಳಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಹಳ್ಳಿಯವರು ಹಣ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲು ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡಿದರೆ ಅದೂ ರಾಜ್ಯಾಂಗಕ್ಕೆ ವಿರೋಧವಲ್ಲವೇ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಕಡ್ಡಾಯವಾಗಿ ಶ್ರಮದ ರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೊಡಲೇಬೇಕು ಎಂದು ನಿರ್ಬಂಧ ಹಾಕಿಲ್ಲ. ಜನರು ತಾವಾಗಿ, ತಮ್ಮ ಹತ್ತಿರ ಕೊಡಲಕ್ಕೆ ದುಡ್ಡು ಇಲ್ಲ, ಅದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೆಲಸ ಮಾಡುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರೆ ಅಷ್ಟು ಕಮ್ಮತ್ತಿನ ಕೆಲಸವನ್ನು ಅವರಿಂದ ಮಾಡಿಸಲಾಗುತ್ತದೆ.

ಶ್ರೀ ಸಿ. ಜೆ. ಮುಕ್ಕಣ್ಣಪ್ಪ.—ಯಾವುದೋ ಕಂದಾಯ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೇವೆಂದು ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಏತಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಈ ಕಂದಾಯ ಹಾಕುತ್ತಾರೆ, ಸ್ವಾಮಿ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ರಾಮಕೃಷ್ಣ ಹೆಗ್ಗಡೆ.—ಕಂದಾಯ ಹಾಕುತ್ತೇವೆ ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಒಂದು ಸೂಚನೆ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದೆ. ಆ ಸೂಚನೆ ಏನೆಂದರೆ, ಈಗ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಪ್ರದೇಶದಲ್ಲಿರುವ ಎಲ್ಲ ಜನರಿಗೂ ಬೇರೆ ಬೇರೆ ತರಹ ಕರವನ್ನು ಕೊಡುವಂಥಾದ್ದು ಸಾಧ್ಯವಾಗುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆಂಥ ವರಿಂದ ಪಂಚಾಯಿತಿ ಕೆಲಸಗಳಿಗೆ ಸ್ವಲ್ಪ ಮಟ್ಟಿಗಾದರೂ ಕಾಣಿಕೆ ಬರಬೇಕು ಎನ್ನುವ ದೃಷ್ಟಿಯಿಂದ ಅವರಿಂದ ಕೆಲಸದರೂಪದಲ್ಲಿ ತೆಗೆದು ಕೊಳ್ಳಬೇಕೆನ್ನುವುದು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಯೋಚನೆಯಲ್ಲದೆ.

Measures taken to provide Water Facilities to several Villages in Yelburga Taluk.

*Q.—106. Sri VEERABHADRAPPA ERAPPA (Yelburga).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether they are aware that there is scarcity of water in Bandihallu, Thondihalu, Chikkanakoppa, Yerehanchinahalu villages in Yelburga Taluk and that they have entirely to depend upon water facilities available at a distance of four miles ;

(*b*) the measures they have taken to remedy the situation ?

A.—Sri RAMAKRISHNA HEGDE (Minister for Co-operation and Development).—

(*a*) Scarcity of water is reported in these villages ; but the villagers do not depend upon water facilities available at a distance of four miles.

(*b*) Two drinking water wells, one in each, have been taken up in Tondihal and Chikkankop villages and the